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Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
2005 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of December 31, 2005, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first semi-annual season of the 2005 fishing year. The 2005 annual directed base landings quota for North Atlantic swordfish is 2,937.6 mt dw (not adjusted for underharvests), and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. In addition, 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude. The annual directed base landings quota for South Atlantic swordfish is 75.2 mt dw (not adjusted for underharvests).

	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (June 1, 2005 - Nov 30, 2005)	1,468.8	643.1	1,417,772	825.7	1,820,344	44%
Directed Fishery Second Season (Dec 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006)	1,468.8	105	230,709	1364.2	3,007,407	7%
Total (Directed)	2,937.6	747.7	1,648,481	2189.9	4,827,752	25%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	5.2	11,506	294.8	649,874	2%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	75.2	0	0	75.2	165,786	0%

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